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Who's Behind the Intelligence

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An unheralded but important addition to the Congress is a newly created panel of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary—the Subcommittee on Terrorism and Security.

The newness is mostly technical, since Judiciary until a couple of years ago had a long-established Subcommittee on Internal Security. This panel was phased out, however, when Sen. Edward Kennedy (D.-Mass.) became the chairman of the full committee. Now that the Republicans are in charge, the internal security unit has been revised, renamed, and placed under the chairmanship of Sen. Jeremiah Denton (R.-Ala.).

The revival is timely, and the new committee certainly has its work cut out for it. A peculiarity of the campaign to abolish the old internal security group, and other internal security agencies of the government, was that it occurred in tempo with an upward surge in internal security troubles. The worse the problem got, it seems, the more determined the effort to ignore it.

Among the difficulties neglected during this span have been a marked increase in the number of Soviet and other Communist-bloc personnel on our soil, attempts by the Soviet KGB to cultivate contacts in congressional offices, extensive activities by Cuban intelligence operatives, the theft and purchase of official secrets, the dissemination of forged documents, and so on.

While all this was going on, leftward forces in the government were systematically abolishing, not only the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, but the House Committee on Internal Security, the internal security division of the Justice Department, and the Subversive Activities Control Board—while imposing crippling restrictions on the FBI.

These are matters that need some looking into by the new internal security panel in the Senate. Also in need of careful inquiry is the broad-gauged campaign by the people of varying motives to disrupt and paralyze the intelligence agencies of our government, and to render them useless in combatting Marxist initiatives in such places as Iran, or Africa, or Latin America. Over the past five years, this effort has been extremely effective—with consequences that are disastrous for America and the free world generally.

To get a picture of this anti-intelligence crusade and the motley crew engaged in it, the Senate panel might want to begin with a newly published staff report from a Washington foundation called Western Goals. The foundation is headed by Rep. Lawrence McDonald (D.-Ga.), who has functioned as a virtual one-man internal security committee during his tenure in the House. The study, entitled *Broken Seals* (309-A Cameron St., Alexandria, Va. 22314; \$4) has an introduction by Rep. John Ashbrook (R.-Ohio), and an afterword by Lt. Gen. Daniel O. Graham, both experts in the matter under discussion.

What this study tells us is that a carefully orchestrated and highly successful war has been conducted against our intelligence and internal security agencies, in concert with a broader campaign to weaken America's influence in the major theaters of global conflict. Participants in this drama often pop up in isolated contexts where they seem to have no connection with one another, but the links that tie them together are numerous.

Most people, for instance, have heard of Philip Agee and his attempts to expose case officers working for the CIA. Few are aware of the assistance received by Agee from Communist Cuba, his appearance at propaganda forums in Havana, or his professed

Also active in the anti-intelligence crusade, the report observes, is the Institute for Policy Studies. A famous participant in the IPS was the late Orlando Letelier, who, it turned out, was receiving money from Communist Cuba, and using it in efforts to lobby Congress and stir up resistance to the anti-Communist regime in Chile. Involved in the campaign at other levels are the North American Congress on Latin America—an offshoot of the so-called "New Left"—the National Lawyers' Guild, the Fund for Peace, and numerous other groups and individuals.

While there are doubtless many people involved in the anti-intelligence blitz for innocent reasons, and while such distinctions should be kept in mind, it is also apparent that many others are involved for reasons that are not so innocent. The Cuban connections of Agee and Letelier, and others promoting this campaign, are not the stuff of libertarian idealism.

Indeed, viewing the repeated shufflings of so many of these people back and forth to Havana, the role of the Cuban "double agents" in attacking the CIA, and the central role of Castro in fomenting trouble throughout the hemisphere, it is hard to avoid the inference that the Cuban DGI—Castro's version of the KGB—is up to its ears in this activity.

On the evidence of *Broken Seals*, the anti-intelligence crusade has been lethally effective in injuring the relevant agencies of government and manipulating public opinion on such issues. The American people need to know much more about who is conducting this campaign—and why. ■